

Appl. No. : 10/603,425  
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## REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-19, and 21 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 19, and 21 have been amended. New Claims 23-25 have been added. Support for the new claims is found, e.g., on page 9 at lines 11 and 14-16; and in the examples which include measurements of water flow rate. Additional support for the amendments and new claim is found in the specification and claims as filed.

### Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-11, 13-19, and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, the claims have been amended to delete reference to a "porous" bond, and instead to refer to a filter laminate that "has a flow rate therethrough such that the filter laminate is configured for separation by filtration." This amendment is fully supported by the specification, which repeatedly refers to flow rates for laminates used for filtration.

### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns that might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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